

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: March 20, 2007
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 187
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BILL SUMMARY: Salton Sea Restoration Fund: Restoration Project

Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, was passed by the voters in 2006. Proposition 84 provides \$47 million for Salton Sea restoration activities. This bill would provide that these funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, shall be made available for restoration projects consistent with the Preferred Alternative.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the state. Proposition 84 provides \$47 million for Salton Sea restoration projects and this bill would stipulate that these funds may only be used upon appropriation by the Legislature for projects consistent with the Preferred Alternative.

COMMENTS

Finance is neutral on this bill because it would stipulate an appropriate use for Proposition 84 funds allocated to the Salton Sea Restoration Fund.

Chapter 611, Statutes of 2003, (SB 277) created the Salton Sea Restoration Fund to finance restoration activities and stated legislative intent that the state restore the Salton Sea ecosystem in a manner consistent with the study required by Chapter 612, Statutes of 2003, (SB 317). SB 317 required the Secretary for Resources, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game and other entities, to perform a study to develop a Preferred Alternative for the restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem. Necessary studies have been completed and the Preferred Alternative should be released shortly.

This bill would specify that Proposition 84 funds dedicated to the Salton Sea Restoration Fund would only be available upon appropriation by the Legislature for projects consistent with the Preferred Alternative.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP								
	RV	98	FC	2006-2007	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009		
3600/Dept FishGam	SO	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----						6051	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
6051	SafeDrinkWtr,WtrQual/Sup,FldCtrl,RvrCstl									

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